

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Zoning Chairman Brian Rhinehart

The secretary called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Brian Rhinehart, Nixon Adams, Simmie Fairley, Scott Quillin, Mike Pierce, and Claire Durio

Absent: Karen Gautreaux

Also Present: Cara Bartholomew, Director Planning Department; David Parnell, City Attorney; Alex Weiner, Secretary

As there was no New Business for the Planning Commission Mr. Rhinehart moved to the Zoning Commission.



Alex Weiner, Secretary



Karen Gautreaux, Chairwoman
Planning Commission

Brian Rhinehart commenced the Zoning Commission Meeting.

Announcement that written notice of decisions regarding zoning variances will be filed in the Commission's office the following day of this meeting at which time applicable appeal time will begin to run.

New Business

V23-01-01 – Michael Keene requests a variance to CLURO Section 7.5.1.3 R-1 Site Development Regulations, Square 38 Lots 41,42,43, R-1 Single Family Residential District, 2424 Mathis St

Ms. Durio clarified that they were not asking for more encroachment but less, Ms. Bartholomew said that was correct.

Mr. Rhinehart said that the distance would be between 11'-13'

Ms. Durio asked if the porch would extend past the existing slab, Ms. Bartholomew said it would not.

Mr. Adams asked if the structure would be limited to the height of the garage, Ms. Bartholomew replied that it would be incorporated into the existing roofline of the home, so it would not be taller than the house.

Mr. Pierce asked if there was no concrete patio already existing would a variance be needed to construct one, Ms. Bartholomew said it would not be needed as there was not a structure on it.

Ms. Durio made a motion to approve the case as submitted, Mr. Adams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V23-01-02 – John Keller requests a variance to CLURO Section 5.2.3.2. Drainage Overlay District and Fill Sub-Area A, Square 1 Lots 13 & 14, R-1 Single Family Residential District, 2816 South St

Mr. Rhinehart confirmed that the City Engineer reviewed the plans and their only comments were that it was ok with them, Ms. Bartholomew replied that was correct.

Mr. Quillin asked about the fill itself. He said it was for raising the foundation and asked about any extra fill sloping along the dripline as there did not seem to be any substantial elevation changes in the surrounding properties. Ms. Bartholomew said that fill is allowable under the roof shed. They cannot backfill where the foundation pokes out. She added that the concrete of the slab is considered fill.

Mr. Adams said there were several cases like this in the past and the commission has used this number in the past cases in the area.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the case as submitted, Ms. Durio seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-1 with commissioner Pierce voting against.

Public Comment

Ms. Bartholomew said that February 13th was being looked at for the traffic meeting concerning the LSU Health Foundation property. The date is still tentative but Ms. Bartholomew said she would confirm that date before the end of the week.

Ms. Bartholomew said that the May 9th meeting conflicts with some conferences so it would have to be either canceled to moved.

Ms. Durio said she was worried about canceling the meeting if the docket was large, Ms.

Bartholomew said hey can schedule a make up meeting and decide as it gets closer.

Mr. Rhinehart asked if the conference lasted all week, Ms. Bartholomew said it did.
Ms. Bartholomew said they could move it to May 2nd or 3rd, or the 16th or 17th.

Mr. Rhinehart said the worst-case scenario would be only one meeting in May.

Ms. Bartholomew said the 16th and 17th would not work for dates as there would not be enough time for the applicants if the commission needed additional information.

Mr. Pierce asked what the June dates were, Ms. Bartholomew said they were June 13th and 27th. Mr. Pierce said they could move both May meetings.

Mr. Adams said there needs to be at least one meeting a month.

Ms. Bartholomew said they could do May 2nd and 16th. Mr. Quillin said that if they were shuffling dates around he would prefer a Wednesday as he had conflicts with other commissions on Tuesdays.

Mr. Kreller asked what the conference was, Ms. Bartholomew said it was the National Flood Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. There was also the Keeping History Above Water conference happening at the same time in New Hampshire.

Ms. Bartholomew added that the APA National Conference was April 1st – 4th in Philadelphia. Mr. Adams said that if you go to Philadelphia make sure to see the statue of St. Tammany.

Mr. Rhinehart motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Quillin seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm



Alex Weiner, Secretary



Brian Rhinehart, Chairman
Zoning Commission